

## BRITAIN PEEVED OVER NEW LAW AFFECTING OIL

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Dec. 16.—Some court and not very cordial notes have been exchanged between representatives of the British and Costa Rican governments over a law of Costa Rica annulling all international transactions by the previous administration of president Tinoco.

This law provides an oil concession given to British interests, affects certain arrangements between the Tinoco government and the Costa Rican branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, and affects some American interests, including the Sinclair syndicate which had obtained certain oil rights under the Tinoco administration.

The British government filed a strong protest with the government of Costa Rica, refusing to abide by the law. To this Costa Rica replied that it would not allow a foreign power to interfere with its internal legislation. Great Britain then sent its minister from Panama to Costa Rica, eventually, to settle the dispute.

As a consequence, the Costa Rican press is bitter against the British claims and the anxiety exists there at the probable outcome.

## JUDGE HEARS SAD APPEALS OF CHRISTMAS

United States commissioner A. J. W. Schmidt had a busy day. Personal affairs of 12 persons were heard before him. But behind him sat Uncle Sam in stern mood, and these eloquent pleas for mercy evoked little. To add to the discomfort of the commissioner, the "Christmas in context" plea was overlooked.

Francisco Mendez and Guillermo Parias, both charged with importing, possessing and transporting liquor, were arraigned. Mendez was held on bond of \$750 and Parias on \$1000. Mendez pleaded that he had a big family and with Christmas approaching they would suffer from his being in jail. His plea succeeded only in reducing his bond by \$250. The men were arrested, it is charged, as they crossed the river with two sticks of liquor.

Bernie Rios, Manuel Soto, and Francisco Nunez also faced liquor charges. They pleaded not guilty and were held for preliminary hearing on bond.

Jose Ramirez, charged with receiving and selling stolen goods, was arraigned and his bond set at \$250. Maria Rodriguez pleaded not guilty to a liquor charge and her bond was set at \$500 pending hearing. Felipe Fraga pleaded not guilty to a similar charge and she was held on the same amount of bond.

Equipe Morales was held on bond of \$1000 on a narcotic charge to which he pleaded not guilty.

Santiago Sanchez and V. Mena were held on bond after hearing on liquor charges.

Manuel Munoz and Abraham Mariscal were charged with possession and transportation of liquor and were held on bonds of \$750 each. According to prohibition agents the men were arrested near the "Volcan" at Pablos, after having affably conversed with the officers. During the "exceedingly friendly" conversation, the officers say, they found the liquor.

## Picturesque Mexico: Anywhere



MEXICAN TROOPS being transported on tops of box cars. This sight may be witnessed anywhere in Mexico. They have no other means of transporting soldiers. Families of soldiers travel with them. Horses are carried in some cars, the soldiers and their families in others, and because fire are built on the floors in the cars where the women ride, most of the men prefer to climb out on top to get out of the smoke. Some of them erect small tents on top of the cars to shelter them from the sun and the elements. One of these may be seen in the picture. The troops shown in this picture were photographed between Saltillo and Monterrey, just recently, but the scene is typical of Mexico wherever troops are moved.

G. A. M.

Tomorrow: A modern Mexican church—Agua Caliente.

## NORTH AND SOUTH CHINA TO BE UNITED

Peking, China, Dec. 16.—A proclamation of the reunion of north and south China has just been issued by president Hu Shih-chang. The mandate orders the various provincial authorities to exert themselves to the end that the democratic government may be promoted, and announces that the republic "will henceforth be united."

The proclamation is practically coincident with a declaration from Canton by Tsen Chun-huan and others of the "executive committee of the southern military government" announcing the dissolution of that government and restoration of the "independence" of the southwest provinces.

Leaders of the Cantonese faction deny the right of Tsen Chun-huan, Gen. Lu-Yung-ting and Mu Yung-hsien, of the Kwangsi party to dissolve the military government.

The Peking government, however, appears to have hopes that these other factions can be consolidated. Coupled with the reunion mandate the president issued an instruction to the ministry of the interior to bring about the election of a new parliament of the republic. In conclusion the president says:

"The people are coming to the dawn of better days and I, the president of China, do hope that this order will be observed and acted upon by all concerned."

## 53 Convictions Out Of 112 Cases; 24 Suspended

Fifty-three convictions marked the year's activity of the district attorney's office according to figures compiled by district attorney Leish Clark. Four convictions were on murder charges, including the death penalty awarded Jose Perea. The office prosecuted 132 cases, 24 suspended sentence verdicts were returned.

JEFFERSON POTLOCKS, who has been lecturing his children on economy in an effort to get them to save their nickels, was asked by a committee of their today why he didn't quit spending so much for chewing tobacco.

Sidney Hocks has bought a pocket dictionary, and says from here out he is not going to stop until he finds out what the Wild Quail school teacher is talking about.

Sap Spradlen last Sunday came very near driving off of the Gander creek bridge. If he keeps on driving reckless he ought to be made to put an automobile horn on his buggy.

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## GHOST OF GOLD DAYS STALKS IN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 16.—Gold mining, an industry which virtually brought California into existence, has reached the lowest ebb in the history of the state. Fletcher Hamilton, state mineralogist, announced after a tour of the state.

"One appears to be traveling in the wake of a pestilence," Mr. Hamilton said "in visiting the mining districts where the industry was founded and from where nature's golden harvest has been reaped forth for the past 75 years."

"Towns and whole counties are being depopulated. Mines are being allowed to fill with water and mills and reduction plants are being abandoned to the elements."

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## BITS OF BYPLAY By LUKE McLUKE

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NO JOKE.  
A MARRIED man can stay this song. This ballad of expense: Your dollars will not last you long unless your wife has sense.

OUCH!  
"It says here that a scientist has discovered a kind of soap that does not sting," said the old boy, as he looked up from the newspaper he was reading.

WHOA!  
"If you would stay young," said old Mr. Kemper, "Just before your time And relax in your temper."

PAW KNOWS EVERYTHING.  
While—Paw, what is Utopia? Paw—Utopia is a place where men are as perfect as their wives expect them to be, my son.

ADVICE.  
Don't worry 'bout your rattle-snake. And do not try to handle him. And you will make a big mistake. If you should try to handle him.

THEN IT HAPPENED!  
"I wonder if you could" mused the cheerful idiot.  
"You wonder if you could what?" asked the wise guy.  
"Why, if I could buy a dinner for a bunch of cranks. I wonder if you could call it a dramatic treat?" replied the cheerful idiot.

WUFF!  
She tries to sing, dear Mary Mutt, And we all shed our tears; She has an ear for music, but She can't sing with her ear.

BAGGAGE IN BAGGAGE.  
Dusty Miller has discovered that if A. Satchell is a baggage man on the R. and O. railroad and runs out of Cincinnati.

GOSH!  
A dispatch from T. W. Va. informs us that a Norfolk and Western brakeman named Bass had his foot injured near Taz.

WE HOPE IT IS CONTAGIOUS!  
Dear Luke: I see that 80,000 quarts of champagne are coming to this country for "Medicinal Purposes." What disease do I have to get to get champagne? —Invalid.

IS THAT SO?  
"Here is some good advice, by Hog!" remarked old uncle Mutt: "Your remarks are well opening. If you can keep it shut." —Luke McLuke.

"This blot is good," said uncle Mutt. "It's good, I think you'll find. Your eyes will help you out a lot. If you don't see it, blot it." —Gaudara (Hable) News.

"OLD DEAR!"  
We heard that some of the boys in the A. E. F. made out of the critics, and we heard of one saving an Irishman's life when he stooped to scratch and a shell passed over his head. But what we started to tell you was that A. Deane lives in Columbus, Ohio, and his former sweetheart, Carrie Blakeley, 578 Parsons avenue, has informed the police that he is missing.

AIN'T IT AWFUL!  
The London Daily Mail announces that American movie films are corrupting Britain, and that they represent "a new type of vice in regard to honesty, honor and fair play."

COMPLEXIONS.  
"Complexions are a snore, they tell me," said old Mr. Hoff. "For, while a few of them wear well. The rest of them wear off." —Luke McLuke.

ATTA BOY!  
Babe Ruth may be a slugger. But

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Robert Bunte, of Pulaski, Va., gets down to first once in a while.

"Oh, yes, complexion does come off. But what of that?" said Bunte. "For all they have to do is dust their gloves and rub rouge on."

QUICK, DOC!  
Carrie Boyles lives in St. Wayne, Indiana.

OUR DAILY SPECIAL.  
Ambition and Contentment Are Deadly Enemies.

LUKE McLUKE SAYS.  
Even you are a red-blooded man you don't have to use your nose like a snob to advertise the fact.

Once in a while a wife kicks so much and nags so much that her husband suspects that she has the foot and mouth disease.

People are sympathetic as a rule. But when the champagne gills of the neighborhood gets a cold and can't sing the neighbors hope that recovery will be slow.

is a single man who is trying to tell his troubles.

Men are just as big cowards as women, only they would rather act brave and suffer than admit it.

If marriage is a lottery, why shouldn't slumbers be regarded as a gambling debt?

After all, most of the delicate situations are really indecent ones.

A girl can always get a man's goat by making sheep's eyes at him.

What has become of the C. Z. girl who could lose a handkerchief by passing it to a mirror?

A business man's idea of an honored name is one that will be honored at the bank.

Men may have descended from monkeys, but some of them didn't descend very far.

When Columbus discovered America there were no horoscopes on this continent.

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